

**Exact Account of the
PROCEEDINGS**

**AT THE
OLD BAYLY**

this July the 12, 1683 with a true survey of the

TRAYALL

OF THE

has **Lord Russel** **William Hone Joyner**
John Rouse **Capt. William Blagge**

Who were Indicted for High Treason in Conspiring the
Kings death, and raising Arms to Subvert the Government
and alter the Religion, and conspiring the death of his
Royall Brother **James Duke of York**,
The Lord Russel, John Rouse, William Hone, and one Cap-
tain **Thomas Walcot**, being all 4 Condemn'd to be Hang'd
Drawn and Quarter'd.

William Hone, who was yesterday Arraigned being set to the bar, &
the Indictment read, desired that the Plea which he tendered yel-
terday might be accepted, which was that he was guilty of conspire-
ing the death of the King, but not guilty of providing Arms, or a de-
signe of raising a Rebellion; Sr. George Jefferyes said the confession
was not directly to the Indictment; therefore they would pro-
ceed to give their Evidence, he pleading not guilty as to the whole
Indictment the Jury was then sworn, being the same that pass'd the
day before, Between the King and Capt. Walcot,

Mr. West was first Sworn, who Witnessed that the 2d. of March
25. **Charles Second**, at the Parish of St. Michael Bishshaw in the Ward
of Bishshaw in the City of London, with **Rumbold Burton**, **Ferguson**,
Hollway, **Roe**, **Francis Goodenough**, and **Richard Goodenough**, and
other false Traytors, he Conspir'd the Death of the King, and the
Duke of York, to Subvert the Government, and alter the Religion
both in Church and State, and the Prisoner was one of the persons
to be Employed in that wicked Act.

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Then *Leiling* was Sworn, who witnessed that he was several times with the Prisoner and several others; who Consulted the Death of the *Black-Bird*, and the *Gold-Finch*, meaning the King and the Duke of York.

Hone acknowledged that he Consulted the Death of the *Black-Bird*, but not of the *Gold-Finch*. But what Mr. *Vest* witnessed concerning his design of Shooting the King with a *Cross-Bow* out of *Bow-Steeple* on the *Lord Mayor's Day*, he denied. He then asked Mr. *Vest* what he thought of him, who said he took him to be a very honest man, for which Expression he was severely checkt. Sir *Nicholas Butler* witnessed that *Hone* Confessed to him, that there was a design to Shoot the King with a *Cross-Bow* out of *Bow-Steeple*; and that *Hone* was one of them. Captain *Richardson* being Sworn, witnessed that *Hone* Confessed he was hir'd by *Goodenough*, with the promise of Twenty Pounds Reward to kill the King, and that he was to have shot him with a *Cross-Bow*. *Hone* Confessed that he was drawn in by *Goodenough* to kill the King. But as to the shooting him with a *Cross-Bow*, he said he was not concern'd in it; but was only told that there was such a design by some Trades-men that lived near *Bow-Steeple*, then the *Jury* without going from the Bar brought him in Guilty.

Then the *Lord Russell* was brought in his Coach into the yard, being attended by the *Lieutenant* of the Tower. Being brought into Court before the Bar, the Indictment was read, that with *James Duke of Monmouth*, *Ford Lord Grey*, *Sr. Thomas Armstrong*, and *Robert Ferguson*, conspired the death of the King, the Raising Arms to Subvert the Government, to alter the Religion &c. He pleaded not guilty, and desired that the Tryal may be put off for a longer time, but being told that the Kings Council insisted on it now, the Court could not put it off. He then desired a copy of the Pannel of the *Jury* which was told him was matter of favour but such as was never denied, and that it was always ready for him. And being duly Examined, it appeared that he had a List of all the *Juries* that were returned five or six dayes since. Then they proceeded to call the *Jury* to be Sworn. *John Martin*, being called The *Lord Russell*, asked him if he had any Free-Hold in *London*, he answered no. Then he Challenged him, for that cause, and desired that Council might be allowed him, which was granted: (*Viz.*) Mr. *Pollenfen*, Mr. *Holt*, and Mr. *Ward* who appearing Argued very Streamously, that the Statutes concerning Tryalls in *London*, by such as are not Free-Holders extended not to crim- in all cases, but in only Civill. But it was answered by the *Attorney Generall*, and *Sr. George Gefferys*, and Answered by the whole Court, that Statutes extend to both cases, and it was lately so resolved in the case of *Worcester*. Then the *Jury* was Sworn he Challenging Thirty two, Mr. *Roger North* opened the Indictment *Sr. George Geffery* calling the Evidence

Collateral

Collonall *Rumsey* was sworn, witnessed that my Lord *Shaftsbury* told him, that the Lord *Russel* and several others were met in Consult about an Insurrection; and that he should go to them to know what Readiness they were in for it, who returned Answer, that they were not yet ready, being failed of their Expectations in the West-County, (*Viz.*) at *Taunton*, therefore they defer'd it untill the 17th. of November, *Queen Elizabeths Birth Day*. Then the Lord *Russel* asked if he spoke any thing, or consented to the Answer, and Collonall *Rumsey* said yes.

Mr. *Shepherd* Sworn, witnessed that he being a *Vintner Ferguison* came to his house, and told him that the Duke of *Monmouth* and the Lord *Russel* were coming to his House, which in a short time they did, privately in *Hackney Coaches*, and being come, desired to be very private, and that none be permitted to come into the Room, all the Servants being sent away, he himself waited on them. And that he heard them consulting about an Insurrection; and to be the best of remembrance, there was a discourse of seizing the Guards.

The Lord *Howard* of *Essex* then was Sworn, who made a very large Speech, as to the Plot, or Conspiring in the General, that the Lord *Shaftsbury* contrived it, and sent *Rumsey* to the Lord *Russel*, and several others, to know what readiness they were in, for an information, and what Resolution they come to, relating to *Taunton*; that their answer was, they were failed in the West, and that they had always told him they could not be ready at that time, but defer'd it untill the 17th of November, on which the Lord *Shaftsbury* grew very impatient, and told them he had ten thousand brave boys ready at any time for his service. But afterwards the Lord *Russel*, was afraid there was a discovery by reason of the Proclamation and Forbidding *Bewfres*. That some time after that the Lord *Shaftsbury*, went to *Holland Duke of Monmouth*, *Hamden Sidney*, *Essex*, *Robert Ferguison*, Lord *Russel*, and he himself sat as a chosen Council, to manage the insurrection design'd and that there was a Paper contriv'd as a Declaration for liberty, reckoning up all grievances pretended we then lay under, but they thought fit to stay till they could see what interest they could make in *Scotland*, and to that purpose Engaged *St. Hugh Camden*, Lord *Mervin*, *St. John Cockrom*, and others, one of them (*Viz.*) *St. John Camden* came to Town, about the time of this discovery, and then conceal'd himself, and is now taken.

Sidney was sent by this Council to View the Guards, in what a Posture they were in; who acquainted them that they were very easily attain'd.

That they had money ready to carry on their design, but expected more from *Holland*.

The Lord *Russel* confessed his being at the Consult, when the Message was sent to the Lord *Shaftsbury*, but come in late. He was at *Shepherds Tavern* only to taste his Wines, and was several times in the Company, which they called the Council, only for the sake of the Lord *Howards* good Company, but knew of no Treasonable Consults.

He then called the *Earls of Anglesey* and Mr. *Howard* and Dr. *Bur-*

who witnessed that the Lord Howard Several times after the Discovery of this plot, and before his being taken denyed any knowledge of this conspiracy. Dr. Tillotson & several others Witnessed that they alwayes took the Lord Russell for a man of a very good life and conversation. Then the evidences being sum'd up by the Solicitor Generall, and Sr. George Jefferys, and the Lord Chief Justice Pemberton the Jury withdrew, and the Court Adjourned. After Dinner the Court Sitting, the Jury brought in their Verdict Guilty.

John Rouse was then let to the Bar and a new Jury sworn Lee witnessed that he had severall times been with the prisoner who said popery and slavery were coming in, and it was no sin to kill the King and the Duke and that they would propose the runing, for a golden ball on black heath and when they were met they would assault the Tower and take it.

Mr. Lee swear that Rouse had severall times contrived the death of the King and to raise an armie and he to be pay master of it.

All which Rouse denyed and sayed that Lee proposed such things to him but he refused it.

Corbin witnessed that in 1681. Rouse told him the King had forfeited his Crown.

Mr. William Richardson, Swore that when he went to take Rouse he discovered his Name, and said his Name was Tobias.

The Evidence being sum'd up the Jury without going out of Court found him Guilty.

Case. Blye, let to the Bar and the same Jury sworn, Lee Swore that he conspired with him to kill the King, raise an armie, and Seize the Town.

Lee Swore that being in his Company, they discoursed the Tower may be taken, but whether it was only to shew his Opinion barely, or design he knew not, therefore the Lord Chief Justice Pemberton left it to the Jury to consider if they had two Evidences for High Treason, they consulted a small time, and brought him in not Guilty. So the Court Adjourned.

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